

News Release

For Immediate Release: February 27, 2020

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR SARAH K. BLANE, CHIEF OF STAFF Tel (808) 241-4900 Fax (808) 241-6877

Statement by Mayor Kawakami on the arrest of Councilmember Arthur Brun

LĪHU'E – Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami has issued the following statement on today's arrest of Councilmember Arthur Brun.

"I am disappointed that an elected council member has been arrested under these serious criminal drug charges. But this highlights the reality that addiction is a disease that knows no bounds and does not discriminate. While it's important to remember that all persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law, it is just as important to remember that no one – in any capacity – is above the law. Thank you to the Kaua'i Police Department and partnering federal agencies for their diligent work and investigation. Today's arrests are another step forward in our fight against drugs, and holding individuals accountable for actions that have caused great pain to many and have direct repercussions to our entire community." – Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami

###

